

BOWLING GOSSIP OF THE PUGILISTS SHOOTING.

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Chances Are That Efforts Will Be Made to Bring the Big Trap Shooting Event of Next Year to This City—National Target Contest Will Be Held at Bobbingville Next Month—Police Revolver Work Is Fairly Satisfactory—Gun Club Openings Here and Elsewhere.

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Although the locality where the Grand American Handicap is to be shot is not decided until early in each year, talk of the possible location of next year's event is already under way. Pressure has been brought to bear on the Interstate Association to hold the big event in this city next spring, but as yet the result is doubtful.

The fact that the shoot would be a great attraction for marksmen throughout the country, in connection with the World's Fair, has made not only local shots, but experts from all over the country desirous of having the event held here. It would appear as if St. Louis was the logical site for the contest next season, yet it seems that some objections have been raised upon the matter being brought up.

Certain members of the Interstate Association, while refusing to talk positively on a matter which will not be decided for a year, have expressed themselves as being somewhat of the opinion that it would be better to hold the shoot in some other city next season, where the marksmen would have no attraction to draw them away from the park. It is evidently feared that the World's Fair will prove a stronger attraction than the shooting event.

That this fear is groundless seems certain to judge from experience in past years. The sole object of the association in holding its yearly shoot is to advertise the trap game. The encouragement of consumption of ammunition, of course, is the chief result, but the advertisement is the first and foremost matter to be considered. It is extremely likely that some concerted effort will be made by the gun clubs of this city to bring the big event here next year. Whether this movement will succeed or not remains to be seen. It is certain that the local parks will pull off some big events on their own responsibility if the Interstate body seems indisposed to hold the Grand American here. But it appears as if the best known shooting event of the season naturally ought to be held here next year.

Officers of the Central Shooting Bund are preparing for the national meet to be held here in June, and their efforts to date have been most gratifying. The prize list is extensive and the amount of money to be won is large. The event at the Bobbingville range, will compare favorably with any similar shoot held in this country.

From past experience, it appears as if fully 40 shots, from various sections of the country, should be visitors here next month. Entries have already been promised from clubs in Milwaukee, Dubuque and San Francisco, while the Chicago and New York organizations will certainly be well represented. The contest will be national in character.

With the event held within our own gates, the local men will turn out in force. It is believed that fifty or seventy local men will compete in the various contents, some of which will be shot at 250 yards. Their chances against the crack shots from throughout the country are excellent and it is practically certain that the list of winners will include several St. Louis names.

The result of such victories should be good so far as the effort on the game is concerned. Local marksmen have been much like the local oarsmen—too diffident concerning their own ability and experts from other sections of the country. Once they learn that they can more than hold their own against the best men the country can produce, it appears as if the result should be a steady string of victories for St. Louisans in the tournaments throughout the country—all that will be necessary is the impression upon their minds that they can hold their own with any experts once they make up their minds to compete.

One feature of the coming shoot which has attracted much attention is the announcement that revolver matches at fifty yards will be carried as a side issue. This city has to-day as many fine revolver shots as any in the country. Yet the local men have not the national reputations of many other marksmen—simply because they don't compete in national events.

The police force alone can turn out some remarkably good shots both from the ranks of the patrolmen and from among the officials. Captains Crecy and McNamee, at the top of the official ladder, and Patrolmen Sears and Irwin at the other end of the rank, could hold their own with civilian experts in any city. As far as the various police forces of the country are concerned, these four could most certainly lead their comrades in work with the revolver.

While the programme for the revolver end of the shoot has not yet been announced, the events with this weapon are certain to be well patronized by contestants. Taken altogether, prospects for the national shoot are of the brightest.

The police revolver work has continued uninterrupted for some weeks, the first break in the series being the interruption of the last three days, due to the dedication ceremonies. Work will be resumed to-day, when a squad from the Sixth District will practice and Dr. H. H. Roemer expects to wind up the series with some good scores.

Some of the older shots on the force have been a disappointment in their work at the range. Some have been absent repeatedly, notably Patrolmen Ship and Longworth.

The latter has appeared once or twice, but has not yet led his squad. Of the other division, Bryden and Wells have done the most consist in work. Both have led their squads and have scored high scores on every occasion at the range.

On the whole, the police force is likely to prove a good shot. His work has been fair at all stages and some of his individual scores have been really first-class. For the

ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN BOWLERS
AMONG LADY FOLLOWERS OF GAME.MISS BERTHA KERN.
Who will meet Mrs. Haselbach soon in a special match game.

most part, however, the good work has been done by men who had a certain amount of experience last season. Many of these seem to have grown, easier and to have improved considerably in their performances at the range.

Gun clubs in this city have fairly opened the season, one of the features of the week being Fred Gilbert's performance at the American Gun Club last Sunday. Gilbert totaled 22 out of a possible 100 targets, and, but for barely missing his seventy-sixth shot, would have made a clean score.

His performance was the best shown in the course of the day.

The St. Louis Central Gun Club will hold its dedication shoot at the foot of Mercantile street this afternoon, the first event being carded for 2 o'clock. May 17 and 18 will be the dates of the next contents.

Commencing to-day, the Mississippi Valley Trap Shooting Association will hold its annual tournament at Vicksburg, Miss., and a good entry list has been announced by Secretary J. J. Bradford. The tournament will continue to-morrow and Tuesday and a lengthy list of prizes has been announced by the association. Sixteen clubs are represented in the shoot and the event should be a feature in the Valley.

Fred Gilbert and Kolia Helkes are both entered, as are Waters, Devine, Kaufman and Hillman. Among the Vicksburg cracks who are scheduled to compete may be mentioned Bradford, Hayes, Pinkston, Fletcher, Kent and Dorsey.

JEFFRIES AND JIM CORBETT
TO START WEST NEXT WEEK

Heavy Weights Will Train on the Pacific Coast for Their Battle of August—Corbett Believes That a Guaranteed Purse Would Prove More Satisfactory Than a Percentage of the Receipts—Britt Won Decisively From Fitzgerald—Weight Question in Boxing Classes.

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Both have announced their intention of starting training within a fortnight. Jeffries is due to appear in the South next week in a boxing exhibition, Fitzgibbon being called to accompany him, in spite of the recent death of the latter's wife. Jeffries states that he will then head for the West, hoping to reach San Francisco by May 15, so as to be on hand when final details are arranged for the championship fight.

Billy Delaney is to represent Jeffries at the meeting. Corbett has announced his intention of starting for San Francisco May 8, so he will be in time for the conference. The former champion then announces that he will take up his hard training course in earnest with Joe Kennedy and Hank Kenny as sparring partners, and his brothers, Tom and Joe Corbett, as trainers.

Matters to be decided at the meeting include the distribution of the money in the purse, and the question of whether the men will fight for a percentage or a guaranteed sum. Corbett is in favor of accepting a purse, even if \$50,000 only is offered, in stead of the desired 50 per cent, which both men had out for at first. He believes that a guaranteed sum will save them both much worry and annoyance.

As for the distribution of the money, the men have practically decided to split their share, 75 and 25 per cent, thus giving the victor \$37,500 if only \$50,000 is hung up. Nothing is in the making, which both men had out for at first. He believes that a guaranteed sum will save them both much worry and annoyance.

Corbett has been in training for some months, but his work has been of a nature that could not have resulted in very lasting effects. He announced last week that he intended to spend two weeks after his arrival at San Francisco in perfect rest, then taking up the hard and vigorous work of his training campaign.

As yet Jeffries has announced nothing about his training preparations, beyond stating that he will do his work in Los Angeles, his home town. As both men have chosen California for their working ground they should be thoroughly acclimated on the date of the battle. The occasion will be the first time that Corbett has visited San Francisco, his home town, in five years.

Jimmy Britt won his battle with Willie Fitzgerald last Tuesday evening as was expected, but the Brooklyn fighter gave the man from the coast an anxious moment or two before he finally lost the verdict. In the second round Willie managed to send Britt sprawling with a well-directed right hook, and the illustration of Fitzgerald's hitting powers kept Britt's friends anxious for the remainder of the fight.

The outcome showed that they had little to fear, as Britt put it all over the Eastern man in the first round. The fight was more, he gave him a stomach drubbing that made Fitzgerald double up at various stages. Britt was remarkably respectful for Fitzgerald's hooks, however, and that this respect was well founded was again proven in the twelfth round, when Britt was once more sent to the floor from a crack on the chin.

Britt had a big lead on the Eastern boy, however, and not a dissenting voice was heard when Graney handed down his decision. It may be remarked that Eddie Graney is practically conceded the position of referee in the coming battle between Jeffries and Corbett. All of his verdicts have given satisfaction of late, and he seems to be absolutely above influence of any sort, so far as any effect on his decision is concerned.

Johnny Regan and Clarence Forbes are expected to furnish the bout at the West End Club this week, the men having agreed to go twenty rounds at 125 pounds. They have met twice previously, Regan winning a twenty-round bout at Coney Island two years ago, drawing with Clarence in another.

Two good revolver scores made by patrolmen. Target to the left shows a total of 121 out of a possible 125 and was made by Policeman Sidney Sears of the Central District, April 25, in practice with the sunshine club. Target to the right was made by Policeman Meagher and shows a total of 122 out of a possible 125. Both targets were made at twelve yards range on a bull's-eye 2 1/2 inches in diameter.

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DELABAR BOWLING TEAM.

Which has shown some good work on local alleys. Names, from left to right, rear row: H. Coffindaffer, E. Hartnett, H. Hoberg, I. Bonner. Front row: G. Schmitt, A. Delabar, manager; T. Witte, captain.

other contest of the same length, and losing the decision to him in a six-round go at Chicago.

From all appearances this should be a good fight. Regan is popular here and has a strong following. He is about as much cleverness as any boy of his weight, and is conceded to be the logical opponent for Harry Furber, if the champion finally decides to fight some dangerous man. His draw with Harry here is well remembered, as most local sports believe that Regan should have had the verdict on that occasion.

Johnny has been working in South St. Louis of late and claims to have rounded into his old-time form. He has had a long rest and his absence from the ring has done him good, he states. This being so, he should be able to show good form in his battle.

The weight question is apt to crop up in a perplexing way in some of the bouts likely to be pulled off in the West. With the feather weight and light weight limits within three pounds of the same figure and with the bantam limit practically 115 and 120 pounds, it begins to look as if general confusion will arise unless some action is taken.

The Chicago writer, who remarked satirically about the McCoy-Root battle that it should be announced as being for the welterweight championship, as the men only fought at 175 pounds, about hit the nail on the head. The original bantam limit was

108 pounds. The original feather-weight limit was 115 pounds. Nowadays from 12 to 15 pounds have been added to both weights.

Bob Fitzsimmons was the first to set the example in this thing of arbitrarily raising the weight limit for a class as he announced that he would not defend the middle-weight title at less than 126 pounds, although he had won it at the then accepted limit of 124. He soon became too heavy to make anywhere near the latter figure, but he still persisted in claiming the title, although he had to fight in the heavy-weight division.

Men who have been close to Fitzsimmons, in managerial and other capacities, state that in the last ten years he has always weighed more than 160 pounds, and that his weight was generally more than 170. When he fought Corbett at Carson City, his avoirdupois was several pounds above the latter figure, it is generally believed. When he appeared in the West End Club ring last winter he certainly tipped the scales at 170, although he rejected the proposition of stepping on the club's scales with horror. He knew how long his cherished title that he was a middle weight would last if he once weighed in public.

Club managers could stop this wholesale raising of weights if they were so disposed, but several well-known proprietors of boxing institutions have said that they believed the public ought to settle the question. They argue that the men who support the game do not care whether a weight limit is raised a few pounds or not, so long

as the champion has fighting qualities, and they believe that it is better to raise the limit for a good man than to freeze him out on the weight question in the interests of a lighter and inferior boxer.

There seems a good deal of truth in this reasoning, but it also seems as if the middle-weight and bantam limits will soon be at the same figure unless something is done to stop the upward tendency. As a result of the feather-weight limit being raised, first by McGovern and then by Young Corbett, we find Attell and McGovern now claiming the "122-pound championship," while Yarger is the "124-pound champion." By neatly splitting weights in this manner there is no reason why every fighter should not have a championship title of some sort. And when it is considered how much talk this would inflict on the public, patrons of the game can see the necessity for holding down the growing weight of all classes of fighters.

Willie Fitzgerald, very disconsolate over the result of his battle with Britt, is now striving to arrange another bout with Jimmy, according to dispatches from the coast. If this fight cannot be arranged it is said that he will fight Joe Gans.

Kid Leonard, a local bantam-weight, is anxious to get on a fight with some man here. He is now in the hands of the management of Pete Simon.

MAN AND NATURE



W. A. COOK, M. D.

Although separated and specialized to a remarkable degree, man possesses certain properties and performs certain functions in common with all living things to the very lowest of even vegetable structure. In growing a stalk of corn certain laws of nature must be complied with, and accordingly as there is failure in these essentials there will be fading, shriveling and death. In the human body there must be this same regard for nature's laws. Where there is

LACK OF NUTRITION

It must be supplied. Where there is coldness or a clammy condition in any part of the body rich blood in the right quantity is necessary, and in all such defects there will be found upon careful examination

A SPECIFIC CAUSE FOR
SUCH DEFECT

which must be removed and the difficulty overcome. To be fitted for this work a doctor must possess HONESTY and ABILITY. He must be qualified by progressive steps, diligent study and earnest thought, constantly striving for

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